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Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Monongahela National Forest,

The Forest Service (FS) is seeking comments on the Lower Williams Vegetation Project, which is being proposed on the Gauley Ranger District of the Monongahela National Forest. The 45-Day Comment Period will begin March 16, 2008, following the publishing of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, on Friday March 15, 2008. Thus, this comment period will end forty-five days later on April 29, 2008.

Enclosed is the Supplemental Draft Environmental Statement (SDEIS) with this letter. The FS prepared a SDEIS to allow the public to comment on the discovery of a population of running buffalo clover (Threatened and Endangered Species) and how the FS proposes to deal with this discovery.

Please review the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and respond with comments if you have specific concerns, suggestions, or recommendations.

If you would like to submit comments, please send them to Lower Williams Vegetation Project, Attention: O'Dell E. Tucker, at the same address. Also, comments can be sent by email to: <u>comments-eastern-monongahela-gauley@fs.fed.us</u>. Comments should be postmarked by the end of the 45-day comment period. You may contact the Deciding Official, James L. Lowe at (304) 846-2695 ext. 131 or O'Dell E. Tucker at (304) 799-4334 ext. 19, with questions or comments.

Thank you for your time and interest in your National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/James L. Lowe JAMES L. LOWE District Ranger



